

REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 3 and 5-22 are pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement concerning claims 6-7. These claims share in common with the other claims, e.g., the subject matter of using a digital watermark to associate recognized text with corresponding image information. Moreover, it is not believed that examining these claims with the other claims would place an undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

If the restriction requirement is made final, the Examiner is authorized to cancel claims 6 and 7 by Examiner's amendment.

Claims 3 and 8 have been amended to remove certain limitations and thereby broaden their scope. These limitations have been re-introduced in new dependent claims 19 and 22.

Other new claims are added to more fully protect applicant's inventive work. Support for these claim limitations are found, e.g., at page 2, lines 12-20.

Drawings are submitted herewith, in accordance with the Examiner's requirement. No new matter is believed to be added. If the Examiner believes differently, he is asked to so state.

A corresponding amendment has been made to the specification to refer to the new drawings.

Favorable reconsideration and passage to issuance are solicited.

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